

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 868**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 26, 2018

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 868.

This bill permits two or more candidates for the office of member of a board of education who seek election at the annual school election held in either April or November of each year to circulate a nominating petition jointly and to be bracketed together for the same term.

Under the bill, two or more candidates could sign or circulate, or both sign and circulate, a joint petition of nomination for the same term. When two or more such candidates also wish to be bracketed together on a ballot, they must first so notify the secretary of the board of education in writing prior to the drawing for position on the ballot. The candidates would determine among themselves the order in which their names are to appear within the bracket prior to notifying the secretary. After the drawing occurs, the candidates who are bracketed together will share a position on the ballot as a group and have their names printed together in the appropriate location on the ballot, depending on whether the candidates are to be elected to fill an expired or an unexpired term.

This bill also changes the date by which a candidate may withdraw from a November school election. Currently, that date is 60 days prior to that election. The bill changes that date to 70 days prior to that election.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2018-2019 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.